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FORMER RUSSELL SPRING POSTMASTER SENTENCED FOR MAIL THEFT

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on January 3, 2007, **PHILLIP THOMAS CRUMP**, age 49, of 447 Knoll Lane, Nancy, Kentucky, in Pulaski County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for stealing prescription drugs from the mail.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Crump** to two years of probation. **Crump** has already paid restitution in full of \$315.85.

Crump admitted that between January 15, 2004, and December 10, 2005, he was the Postmaster for Russell Spring, and that he stole over forty-five (45) pieces of mail sent by the Veterans Administration and addressed to Kentucky residents. The mail contained prescription drugs, including Lortab, which **Crump** took for his own use.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Weiser and was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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